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No. 324,
OF
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OF
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Manchester Unity Friendly Society

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IF any Officer, Member, or any Person whatsoever, by false representation or imposition, shall obtain possession of any monies, securities, books, papers, or other effects of this Society, or having the same in his possession, shall withhold or misapply the same, or shall wilfully apply any part of the same to purposes other than those expressed or directed in the Rules, he may, upon complaint made by any person on behalf of this Society, be summoned before two Justices, and if the Justices shall determine the complaint to be proved, they shall adjudge and order him to deliver up all such monies, securities, books, papers or other effects, or to repay the amount of money applied improperly, and to pay, if they think fit, a further sum of money not exceeding £20, together with costs not exceeding 20s., and in default the said Justices may order the said person so convicted to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding Three Months. s. 24.

Any Trustee or other Officer or person aiding or abetting in the dissolution or determination of this Society, or the division or appropriation of the funds thereof, except in the way directed by the 13th section of 18 and 19 Vic., c. 63, will on conviction thereof by two Justices, be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard labour for any term not exceeding three calendar months. s. 13.

AMENDED RULES.

NAME, DESIGNATION, AND OBJECT.

1.—That this Lodge be called the INVINCIBLE, and shall form an auxiliary branch of the Baslow District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester United Friendly Society, and shall have for its objects the raising of funds by entrance fees, subscriptions of the members, fines, donations, and by interest on capital, for the following purposes, viz. : insuring sums of money to defray the expenses of the burial of deceased members and of members' deceased wives, as provided for in the laws of the government of the Baslow District Branch of the said Order ; for rendering assistance to members when sick and not able to follow their employment ; for supplying medical attendance and medicine to the members ; for assisting members when compelled to travel in search of employment ; and for granting temporary relief to members in distressed circumstances. The whole of the objects and rules of this Lodge

shall be carried into effect in conformity with and subject to the Laws of the Baslow District Branch of the said Order, and the General Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, and the whole of the said Laws of the Order, and of the District; and any alteration or amendment thereof hereafter made and duly certified shall be applicable to the members of this Lodge in the same manner as if the said Laws, &c., were inserted in these Rules.

PLACE OF BUSINESS.

2.—That this Lodge shall hold its meetings at the Devonshire Arms Inn, Baslow, County of Derby, or at such other house as a majority of the members, with the sanction of the District Officers or District Committee, may determine. In case of a removal being deemed necessary, a motion for that purpose shall be made and seconded by any member on a regular Lodge-night; and the Secretary shall summon every member residing within the distance of three miles from the house where the Lodge is then held, to attend a Committee of the Lodge, when such proposition shall be taken into consideration, and finally decided by ballot; each member to be summoned at least seven days before the time of meeting; and when the place of business is changed, or if a dissolution of the Lodge takes place, notice thereof shall be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England, within seven days thereafter, signed by the Secretary and three other members of the Lodge.

APPLICATION OF FUNDS.

3.—That all monies received on account of entrance fees, subscriptions, fines, donations, and interest on capital, shall be applied in carrying out the objects of this Lodge, and paying the expenses of management, according to the rules thereof, and in paying the levies made under the authority of the rules of the District Branch of the said Order. Any Officer misapplying the funds shall repay the same and be excluded.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND TRUSTEES.

4.—At the first meeting of the Committee of this Lodge, after these Rules are registered, there shall be elected by a majority of the members then present, three Trustees and a Treasurer, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Lodge, and be removable at a special meeting thereof. In the event of the Treasurer, or either of the Trustees, dying or being removed from office, another or others shall be elected by a majority of members present at a meeting called for that purpose to supply the vacancy. A copy of every resolution appointing a Trustee or Trustees shall be sent to the Registrar in England, under the hands of three members, signed by such Trustee, and countersigned by the Secretary, pursuant to sec. 17 of the 18th and 19th Vic. cap. 63. In case any Trustee being removed from his office, shall refuse or neglect to assign or transfer any property of this Lodge as the Committee of Management for the Lodge shall direct, such Trustee shall, if he be a member, be ex-

elled, and shall cease to have any claim on the Society or branch on account of any contributions paid by him.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

5.—So much of the funds of the Society as may not be wanted for immediate use or to meet the usual accruing liabilities, shall, with the consent of the Lodge, be invested by the Trustees in such of the following ways as the Committee shall direct, viz.: in a Savings Bank, or in the Public Funds, or with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or upon Government or real securities in Great Britain or Ireland, or upon Debentures, Mortgages, or Securities of any Company incorporated by Charter or Act of Parliament and paying a dividend, or on or upon the Security of any County, Borough, or other Rates authorised to be levied and mortgaged by Act of Parliament. All Deeds or Securities for the Funds of the Lodge to be kept in possession of the Trustees.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

6.—That this Lodge shall consist of an unlimited number of members. The business thereof shall be conducted by a Committee of Management, consisting of the past and present Officers. That five shall form a quorum, and the meetings shall be held every four weeks, to open at Seven o'clock in the Winter, and Half-past Seven o'clock in the Summer, and continue open until Ten o'clock, when it shall be closed for the evening: that every member of the Lodge shall have an

equal voice in all the property and concerns thereof: and when at any time or in any case the votes shall be equal, the President at the time shall have the casting vote.

DUTY OF TREASURER.

7.—The Treasurer shall, in the month of December in every year, and also when required by the Trustees, or a majority of the Lodge, render a true account of all monies received and paid by him: he shall take charge of the funds of the Lodge, and pay all demands when ordered to do so by the Lodge; or by the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Secretary for the time being: he shall balance his accounts at each auditing of the lodge books, or when required by the Committee of Management, and supply the Lodge Officers with a duplicate thereof: he shall also give up all books, documents, moneys, and property of the Lodge in his possession, when required to do so by a resolution of the Lodge: and he shall, before taking upon himself the duties of his office, give security to the Trustees by himself and one bondsman, pursuant to the Friendly Societies' Act 18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 63, sec. 21, the amount to be determined on at a summoned meeting of the members.

DUTY OF SECRETARY.

8.—He shall attend all meetings of the Lodge, take minutes of the proceedings thereof, and keep a correct account of the receipts and expenditure of the Lodge; prepare all summonses in due time; attend the Auditors to point out and explain any-

thing they may require respecting the accounts, balance such accounts when required by the Officers, or a majority of the Lodge. He shall prepare all documents for the District and Board of Directors, and make the annual and other returns to the Registrar, as required by the Friendly Societies' Act, 18th and 19th Vict., cap. 63, and for his services he shall receive such sum per annum as may be agreed upon, payable out of the management fund.

DUTY OF SICK VISITORS.

9.—The duty of the Sick Visitors shall be to visit the sick, on receiving notice thereof from the Noble Grand ; to attend the Lodge at the time appointed for business, and to report the state of each sick member on every Lodge-night ; and in default of attendance at the Lodge at the appointed time, or sending an apology satisfactory to the majority of the members then present, shall be fined the sum of threepence.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

10.—That the Lodge Officers shall discharge the duties of their several offices for thirteen Lodge-nights, and on every thirteenth regular Lodge-night, the appointment of new Officers to take place pursuant to the General Law. But should either the Noble Grand, Vice Grand, or Secretary forfeit or vacate his office, the proposition for the election of another in his stead shall be made on the Lodge-night such office is declared vacant, the election of a successor to take place the following Lodge-night. On the regular

night for electing Officers, Auditors shall be appointed to examine the accounts of the sitting Officers and Treasurer ; the Auditors having received notice, in writing, of their appointment shall, with the three principal past and three principal present Officers, attend such Audit. Any of the persons named not attending by the appointed time, shall be fined the sum of sixpence. That the Committee meet quarterly to pass the accounts of the previous quarter, and to do any other business that may occur.

APPOINTMENT AND DUTY OF SURGEON.

11.—That a Surgeon be appointed by a majority of the votes of the members present at a summoned Committee of the whole Lodge, and remain in office during the pleasure of the Lodge. It shall be his duty to examine all candidates for admission ; attend the sick members residing within four miles of the Lodge-house, and provide them with proper and sufficient medicines during their affliction ; and he shall receive the sum of two shillings and sixpence per member per annum for those members residing within four miles, the same to be paid quarterly.

OFFICERS HAVING THE KEYS OF THE BOX.

12.—The following Officers, viz., Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Secretary, shall have possession of the keys of the box containing the books and property of the Lodge ; and should any of such Officers be absent, or not produce the keys at the hour of meeting, he or they shall be fined one shilling ; and though an Officer send his key, he

shall pay his fine, unless such an apology in writing shall be adduced as the majority of the members of the Lodge then present may deem sufficient.

ANNIVERSARY.

13.—That should the members agree to hold a feast, the Noble Grand and all the requisite Officers shall attend at half-past ten o'clock to open the Lodge, and every member residing within five miles of the Lodge is expected to attend, or give seven clear days' notice, in writing, to the Noble Grand or Secretary, that they will not attend ; the Secretary to have his books open from half-past ten until eleven. If it be agreed on the Lodge-night before the feast, that the members shall attend some place of worship, each member shall be expected to attend and walk in decent procession ; and that the Noble Grand shall have power to appoint two conductors. No part of the expenses of the anniversary to come out of the funds.

MEMBERS LIABLE TO SERVE THE OFFICE OF SUPPORTER.

14.—That all members within three miles be liable to serve the office of Supporter ; and if any refuse to serve when called upon, he shall be fined sixpence.

INITIATION.

15.—That no person shall be admitted a member of this Lodge if he (or his wife, if he be a married man) is of unsound health, or if he is a

bad character, or leads an idle and dissolute life. If any member knowingly introduce any of the above description, he shall be fined ten shillings and sixpence; and any member who shall hereafter marry a person who is of unsound health, shall not be entitled to the funeral allowance if such wife should die.

That any person of good character, sound health, and more than 18 years of age, may be admitted a member of this lodge. The fee for initiation and the annual contribution shall be that stated in the 145th General Rule of the said Order.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

16.—That every member of the Lodge shall pay the sum of one shilling and twopence monthly which, together with the initiation fee, shall be paid into the general fund for the purpose of paying the sick gifts and funeral donations of members and their wives; and all interest arising from the accumulated stock of this fund shall be added thereto from time to time, and shall not be used for any other purpose than for paying the sick and burying the dead. In addition to the contribution of one shilling and twopence per month, every member shall contribute the sum of fourpence per month, one fourth of which shall form a fund from which shall be paid the necessary expenses of management; and a separate account shall be kept of such contributions and expenses, and shall be audited in the same way as the other accounts; the remainder shall form a fund with which to carry into effect the objects

of the Society named in rule 1, not being sickness or funeral allowances.

That all fines inflicted on any members of this Lodge, on any account whatever, shall be paid into the above-mentioned fund.

ARREARS.

17.—That no member shall owe more than twelve weeks' subscription to his Lodge, nor shall he allow a fine inflicted on him (and of which he has received notice in writing) to remain unpaid for twelve weeks. And if any member offend in any of the matters above-named at any time within twelve weeks previous to sickness, or to the death of himself or his wife, neither he nor his representatives shall be entitled to receive pay for such sickness, nor to any sum insured to be paid at such death.

NOTICE OF FINES.

18.—Any member being fined shall be made acquainted with the same in writing within ten weeks, or it shall be null and void: and that the Secretary read over publicly every Lodge-night the names of all members who will owe more than twelve weeks' subscription on the next Lodge-night. The Noble Grand shall deduct from every member's sick pay the amount of his contributions and fines. If the Secretary omits to read over the names he is subject to a fine for such omission, but this does not relieve the member from his responsibility of paying; if he allows his contributions to exceed twelve

weeks, he ceases to have claim for benefit whether the Secretary has or has not read over the same.

PAYMENT OF ARREARS, AND MONEY VOTED TO
DISTRESSED MEMBERS.

19.—That every member shall pay up the whole of his arrears on the evening of the election of Officers, or in default thereof shall be fined the sum of one shilling

That no general meeting of this Lodge shall have power to vote, at one time, to any member a distress gift of more than the sum of ten shillings: but should the circumstances of the case be such as require assistance to a larger amount, every member residing within the distance of three miles shall be summoned, and at that meeting, or any summoned meeting of the Lodge, the members present shall have power to vote any sum of money from the fund for that purpose.

SICK BENEFITS.

20.—That each member falling sick or unable to follow his occupation or calling, not brought on by intemperance or excess, shall be entitled to ten shillings per week for twelve weeks, and eight shillings per week for twelve weeks, and if his sickness or inability to follow his usual occupation continue for a longer period he shall be reduced to six shillings per week which shall be continued to him, if necessary, and if the funds will admit of it, during life. Should any member be clear off the books six months he shall then be entitled to the first scale of payment, viz., ten shillings per week.

SICK MEMBERS LEAVING HOME.

21.—That any officer or brother being sick, and receiving the sick gift, shall not be allowed to go more than three miles from his own house without obtaining leave from the Past Grand, Noble Grand, Vice Grand, or having a Surgeon's Certificate; nor shall he be from home after eight in the evening or before eight in the morning from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of September, nor after six o'clock in the evening or before nine in the morning from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of March, and whenever he goes from home he shall leave word where he may be found.

NOTICE OF SICKNESS.

22.—That any member falling sick shall give notice in writing to the Noble Grand within three days from the date he claims to be on sick benefits. Members residing at a distance will be allowed time for postage extra to the three days named above, the same to be accompanied by a Medical Certificate, and to be renewed as often as required.

FUNERAL GIFT FOR MEMBER'S WIFE OR CHILD.

23.—That on the death of a member or member's wife (such deceased member being at that time good on the books, that is, within compliance) application shall be immediately made to the Noble Grand for the funeral gift, which shall be paid forthwith, in the following sums, namely,—Ten pounds on the death of a member, and five pounds on the death of a member's wife; fifteen shillings on the death of a child

under twelve and over six years of age, and ten shillings if under six years of age, provided they be registered.

ATTENDING FUNERAL OF DECEASED MEMBER.

24.—The Noble Grand of the Lodge shall, on receiving notice of the death of a member, call together the officers of the Lodge, and if agreeable to the relatives of the deceased, the officers shall arrange for following his remains to the grave.

DISPUTES.

25.—That if any dispute arise between a member or any person claiming through or under a member, or under the rules, and any officer of this Lodge, or committee thereof, it shall be referred to Arbitration ; and if the amount in dispute does not exceed twenty-one shillings, the Arbitrators shall be chosen in accordance with the 190th General Law of the said Order; but if the amount in dispute exceed the sum of twenty-one shillings, or if a member has subjected himself to expulsion, or suspension from benefits, such disputes shall be referred to the Arbitration of a summoned meeting of the Lodge, under the 191st General Law of the said order ; the decision made by such meeting to be binding and conclusive on all parties, unless appealed against to the Arbitration of a district meeting within three months after the date the decision was made. The decision of the district meeting may, at any time within three months from the date it was made, be referred to the Arbitration of the Directors of the said order, by either of the disputing parties ; and the de-

cision of the Directors shall be binding and conclusive on all parties, without any further appeal.

DEPUTATION.

26.—Any Deputy appointed by this Lodge to attend a Committee of this District shall receive the sum of five shillings.

DECLARATION OF HEALTH AND AGE.

27.—That no person be admitted a member of this Lodge until a declaration of health has been signed by him in a book kept for that purpose, and if he is not able to produce a register of his birth, shall sign a declaration of his age, at the time of initiation, satisfactory to the Lodge. Any person signing a false declaration shall be expelled.

ADMISSION BY CARD OR CLEARANCE

28.—That no member shall be admitted by card or clearance until the Surgeon of the Lodge certifies that he is in good health. And if the member be married he shall, previous to admission, sign the declaration that his wife is in good health.

NEW RULES AND ALTERATION OF RULES.

29.—That no new rule shall be made nor any of the rules herein contained or hereafter to be made shall be amended, altered, or rescinded, unless with the consent of a majority of the members present at a general meeting of the society specially called for that purpose. Sec. 25, 27.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT.

30.—That a book or books shall be kept in which shall be entered all monies received or paid on account of each and every particular fund or benefit, distinct from all monies received or paid on account of any other benefit or fund.

TO WHOM FUNERAL ALLOWANCE SHALL BE PAID.

31.—The Secretary shall keep a book in which the members may nominate in writing the person to whom the burial money shall be paid on their decease, such person being the husband, wife, father, mother, child, brother or sister, nephew or niece of such member, pursuant to the 31st section of 18th & 19th Vic., c. 63. Any member may revoke such nomination by a written notice to that effect signed by himself, and it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand in such case, to see the nomination erased. The member to pay threepence to the management fund for each nomination or revocation. The Secretary neglecting to ask a new member to nominate within three months of his admission, to forfeit threepence.

JAMES SHELDON,
KENNETH ROBERTSON,
GEORGE TAYLOR,
} *Members.*

JOHN MARPLES, *Secretary.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Alterations of the Rules of the Invincible of the Peak Lodge of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, at the Devonshire Arms Inn, Baslow, in the County of Derby, are in conformity with Law.

JOHN TIDD PRATT,

The Registrar of Friendly Societies in England.

25th August, 1868.

Copy kept.

J. TIDD PRATT.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES
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INVINCIBLE LODGE, No. 324,
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Rule 11, line 9, that the word 'two' be struck out and 'three' inserted in its place.

Rule 13, lines 2 and 10, that the words 'feast' be struck out and 'anniversary' inserted in their place.

Rule 15, that the last two lines be struck out, and the following inserted in their place, 'the annual contribution as stated in the scale adopted in the 38th General Rule of the said Order.'

That *Rule 16* be rescinded, and the following Rule adopted in lieu thereof:

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FINES.

16.—Every member of the Lodge admitted before August 1st, 1853, shall pay the sum of threepence halfpenny weekly; and those admitted since August 1st, 1853, and before the 1st of August, 1864, shall also pay in addition thereto the extra annual contribution, as provided in the 145th (old) General Rule, or in accordance with the annexed Tables of Payments and Benefits; and all members admitted since August 1st, 1864, shall pay contributions and receive benefits in

accordance with the Scale and Table inserted in these rules, which together with the initiation fee shall be paid into the general fund, for the purpose of paying the sick and funeral allowances, of members and their wives; and all interest arising from the accumulated stock of this fund shall be added thereto, from time to time, and shall not be used for any other purpose than for paying the sick and burying the dead. In addition to the contribution to the sick and funeral fund, every member shall contribute the sum of one penny per week which shall form a fund from which shall be paid the necessary expenses of management; a separate account shall be kept of such contributions and expenditure, which shall be audited in the same way as the other accounts; and should the amount expended in management exceed the contributions paid to that fund, a levy shall be made to make good the deficiency, which shall at the commencement of each term or sitting, be added to each member's arrears, and form a part thereof, and shall be paid within twelve weeks. Every member shall be supplied annually with a pence card, upon which shall be inserted the amount of arrears owing by him at the end of the previous sitting, and all payments of contributions shall be inserted thereon, at the time of payment.

Rule 18, line 2, that the word 'ten' be struck out and 'eight' inserted in its place.

Rule 20, line 4, that the word 'twelve' be struck out and 'twenty-six' inserted in its place; lines 4

and 5, that the words 'and eight shillings per week for twelve weeks' be struck out; line 8, that the word 'six' be struck out, and 'five' inserted in its place.

KENNETH ROBERTSON,
JOSEPH MARPLES,
WILLIAM BRIGHTMORE, } *Members.*

JOHN MARPLES, *Secretary.*

I hereby Certify, that the foregoing Alterations of the Rules of the Invincible Lodge of the M. U. Friendly Society at the Devonshire Arms, Baslow, in the County of Derby, are in conformity with Law.

A. K. STEPHENSON,

The Registrar of Friendly Societies in England.

7th June, 1873.

Copy kept.

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4th SCALE, TABLE 2nd,

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

INITIATION FEES.		Age last Birthday.	Contribution per Month.		Benefits.
			s.	d.	
16 to 18 and not exceeding 24 £0 5	0 18	1	4	32
24	27 0 7	6 19	1	5	33
27	30 0 10	0 20	1	5	34
30	32 0 15	0 21	1	5	35
32	45 1 0	0 22	1	6	36
		23 1	6	57	2
		24 1	6	38	3
		25 1	7	39	2
		26 1	7	40	5
		27 1	8	41	4
		28 1	9	42	2
		29 1	9	43	10
		30 1	10	44	2
		31 1	10	44	11

For a Sick Benefit of Ten Shillings per week for the first six months' sickness, and Five Shillings per week for any sickness after a continuous sickness of six months; £10 at the death of a member, and £5 at the death of a member's wife.

38th GENERAL RULE.



